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***“This office belongs to the citizens of the 35<sup>th</sup> district.”***

*State Senator Michelle A. McManus*

### **Legal Birth Definition Act Lawsuit**

I was disappointed to learn this week that the ACLU, Planned Parenthood Affiliates of Michigan, and the Center for Reproductive Rights filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court to block the Legal Birth Definition Act from becoming law in Michigan on March 30<sup>th</sup> of this year. This act offers a child who is in the process of being born a basic standard of decency by giving them the full legal protection that the rest of us enjoy.

After Governor Granholm vetoed my bill, Senate Bill 395 which would have banned partial birth abortions in Michigan, Right to Life of Michigan began the People's Override petition drive and collected enough signatures to override the Governor's veto. I salute the thousands of men and women who signed the People's Override petitions to ensure that this act becomes law.

Partial birth abortion offends the conscience of Michigan. I am confident that the Legal Birth Definition Act will become law and we will have taken a positive step forward in protecting our most vulnerable citizens.

### **Contact Me**

My door is always open and please do not hesitate to contact me regarding state issues. You can reach my Lansing office by phone at: 517-373-1725 or toll free at 866-305-2135. You can also call my Cadillac District Office at: 231-775-8599, or visit me online at [www.senate.michigan.gov/mcmanus](http://www.senate.michigan.gov/mcmanus).

### **Cable Show**

Each month you can watch “In Touch with Northern Michigan” and hear about issues affecting the 35<sup>th</sup> District. My show airs on:

*Traverse City TV 2, Friday nights at 8 P.M*

*Cadillac Cable TV, 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 7 P.M.*

*Manistee Cable Access, 3rd week of the month Tuesday-Friday at 8:00 P.M.*

Airing for March is a discussion with special guests Andrea Grix, Michigan 4-H Youth Conservation Council coordinator; Forrest Cohn, teen advisor; Lisa Champion, assistant advisor; Olivia Cohn, assistant advisor; Kacy Hermans, teen advisor and Cheri Derksen, teen advisor for the 4-H Youth Conservation Council. The show will highlight the council's work as well as its past successes and goals for 2005.

### **Information**

Thank you for your interest in our current state issues. If you received this as a forwarded message and would like to receive future legislative updates via e-mail, you can sign up at: <http://www.senate.michigan.gov/mcmanus>, you can also call my office toll free at 866-305-2135.